

Sovereignty

- **Control of an area of land with clear boundaries. Sovereignty usually refers to independent nations.**
- **Nations are made up of people who share a common history, culture & language (or often all three).**
- **Sovereign nations occupy territory & control the economic & political activities in that territory without outside interference.**
- **Native American Tribes considered themselves sovereign nations & wanted whites to respect the boundaries around tribal lands.**



Genocide?

- One of the historians in the film refers to the colonists belief that they had won a victory for civilization over savagery as “our central historical myth”. What does he mean?
- Do the colonists’ actions at Mystic, CT during the Pequot War fit with the definition for genocide that you wrote yesterday? Why or why not?



documentary "Massacre at Mystic," a reenactment of the year 1637, when the Pequot were massacred in a surprised attack by English settlers. After the massacre, an estimated 60-70 Pequot were killed. Some were sold into slavery in Bermuda, the Caribbean, and some sold back to the name "Pequot" again.

After the Mayflower: The Great Migration

- How did the English justify their expansion onto Indian lands?
- How did the increase in the European population change the relationship between the colonists & the tribes?

After the Mayflower: Dispossession

- How did Indians respond to the conversion to Christianity?
- Do you agree with the approach that Massasoit took to the relationship of the Wampanoag tribe to the colonists? Why or why not?
- If you were in Philip's shoes, how would you lead the Wampanoag tribe's relationship with the colonists after your father's death?

After the Mayflower: King Philip's War

- How did the Pequot War (Massacre at Mystic) change the Wampanoag relationship with the colonists?
- Philip's head was left on a pole in Plymouth, MA for two decades. Think about the wars the United States is fighting today. Can you imagine the U.S. taking the same approach to defeating its enemy in a war that the colonists took to defeating Philip? What similarities & differences can you think of?